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Amendment and Reply to Office action of July 2, 2004

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

In an electronic spreadsheet, an example of a solution provided here comprises defining boolean variables in a table, referencing the boolean variables in one or more cells, and determining the content of the cells. Such a solution may involve managing the boolean variables (also referred to as options) by creating a new option, renaming an existing option, or changing the status of an existing option, for example.

Please replace paragraph [0088] with the following amended paragraph:

[0088] At step 514, if the new name specified at step 510 has not passed the name validity checking of step 511, the method is waiting for a user acknowledgement, meaning that the error message notification of step 513 has been received by the spreadsheet user.